

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

ABSTRACT

~~Without a user's complicated operation, a communication mode is set up automatically in correspondence to the kind of an external apparatus to be connected.~~

A digital camera ~~110~~ capable of communicating with an external device ~~300~~ through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of diverse kinds ~~comprises~~ includes a system control section ~~115~~ and a USB control section ~~118~~ which serve respectively as:— a judging ~~means of device for~~ transmitting a notification code ~~of for~~ notifying a presently set-up ~~own~~ communication mode, and then judging whether a command in response to ~~said the~~ notification code is received from ~~said the~~ master device within a predetermined time or not; and a communication controlling ~~means of device for~~ performing control on the basis of a judgment result of the judging ~~means device~~ in such a manner that when a command in response to ~~said the~~ notification code is received from ~~said a~~ master device within the predetermined time, a state permitting communication with ~~said the~~ master device is established in correspondence to the command, and ~~that when said the~~ command is not received within ~~said the~~ predetermined time, connection to ~~said the~~ master device is electrically released temporarily and then ~~said the~~ connection is restored.

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A digital camera capable of communicating with an external device through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of diverse kinds includes a system control section and a USB control section which serve respectively as a judging device for transmitting a notification code for notifying a presently set-up communication mode, and then judging whether a command in response to the notification code is received from the master device within a predetermined time or not; and a communication controlling device for performing control on the basis of a judgment result of the judging device in such a manner that when a command in response to the notification code is received from a master device within the predetermined time, a state permitting communication with the master device is established in correspondence to the command, and when the command is not received within the predetermined time, connection to the master device is electrically released temporarily and then the connection is restored.